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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Michael V Datskovskiy

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04/08/2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 39-57 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 39-41, 43-45, 47-50, 52-55 and 57 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) 42, 46, 51 and 56 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 04/08/2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claim 46 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

It not clear, which body is meant by the applicant in the claim. Examiner suggests to include the word "human" in front of the word "body".

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-3, 48-50 and 53-55 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Maata et al.

Claims are so broad that allow to interpret them as directed to a cellular phone which exchangeable faceplate, which is well known in the art.

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Maata et al teach a cellular phone 20, Figs.1-9, comprising an electronic unit and a housing 24 containing the electronic unit, the housing 24 including an ornamental mechanism provided to facilitate an attachment of an ornament (parts 36, 46 and 60 having different colors) to decorate the cellular phone 20. It is clear from the Figs. 1-9 that Maata et al show the housing 24 having a top and a bottom each having different curvature.

5. Claims 1-3, 48-50 and 53-55 are also rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Chen, or Castle et al or Takase.

Chen, or Castle et al or Takase each teaches a mobile phone having a mechanism for attaching a decorative attachment.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 43, 44-45, 47, 52 and 57 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takase in view of Furukawa (previously cited).

Takase in fig.4 teach all the limitations of the claims except the housing of the mobile phone comprising a hole for attachment of the decorating piece. Furukawa teaches a mobile electronic device (car remote control) including a through hole 18 in the housing 12 for attachment of a key ring. It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time invention was made to employ a through hole in the housing of the device by

Takase as it is shown by Furukawa in order to facilitate attachment of the decorative device.

Allowable Subject Matter

8. Claims 42, 51 and 56 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

9. Claim 46 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

10. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Housing comprising a penetrable membrane (claim 42, 51 and 56). The attachment mechanism has a portion that models a human body (claim 46).


11. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Wang et al (US Patent 5,974,845) and Park et al (WO 00/54422).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael V Datskovskiy whose telephone number is (571) 272-2040. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-4:30.

12. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lynn Feild can be reached on (571) 272-2092. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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